

COMMUNICATION

TREASURY OFFICE.

Annapolis, January 25th, 1844.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates :

The Treasurer in obedience to your order of the 15th instant, reports the accompanying statement of the amount of commissions paid in pursuance of ch. 390 of 1838, in and out of the receipts for the Sinking Fund, the Free Schools Fund, the Tobacco Warehouse Fund and the fund for the judges of Baltimore county court.

The public documents of December session 1838, will shew the motives and objects of the legislature in granting these commissions. They will be found in a postscript to the Treasurer's annual report, handed in at the commencement of that session ; and more fully detailed in the report of the committee of Ways and Means of the same session, which accompanied and formed a sort of preamble to the act.

That report shews it to have been the intention of the act, not only to compensate the then Treasurer, for the general service of administering these funds for the thirteen years therein mentioned, but also, particular services fully set forth in the report.

The effect of the act was, as seems to have been the object of the legislature, to make the entire compensation of the Treasurer throughout his official term as nearly equivalent to \$2,500 per annum, as a commission of a half of one per cent. would do it ; and to provide that his future allowance for this service should never exceed an average of five hundred dollars a year.

It will also, be found that the legislature at its next session of Dec. 1839, ch. 33, contracted to allow the Messrs. Baring of London, double that commission, for the single service of receiving and paying twice a year, the interest on the public debt payable there, and the amount of that commission largely exceeded yearly, the whole of the Treasurer's official compensation.

Respectfully submitted by

Their obedient servant,

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Treas. W. S. Md.